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SUBJECT: DEPARTMENT CLEARANCE FOR THAILAND LEAHY VETTING REQUEST -
USAID/ILEA BANGKOK PANGOLIN AND BIG CATS WORKSHOP

REF: BANGKOK 3468

¶1. (SBU) The Department of State reviewed its files and finds that, as of this date, it possesses no credible evidence of gross violations of human rights committed by the individuals listed below. These individuals are candidates to attend the USAID/ILEA Bangkok in Special Investigation Group Workshop on Pangolins and Big Cats from January 7-9, 2009.

¶2. (U) Candidates:

Name: Worawat Wongwhan
DPOB: 02/09/1965; Bangkok, Thailand
Title/Rank: Deputy Superintendent, Major
Unit: Natural Resources Environmental Crime Division, Royal Thai Police

Name: Ravut Permtanyakit
DPOB: 07/24/1954; Uthai Thani, Thailand
Title/Rank: Deputy Superintendent, Lieutenant Colonel
Unit: Natural Resources Environmental Crime Division, Royal Thai Police

Name: Sotiloj Noppotipong
DPOB: 04/15/1957, Bangkok, Thailand
Title/Rank: Deputy Superintendent, Colonel
Unit: Natural Resources Environmental Crime Division, Royal Thai Police

¶3. (U) Post may provide the following statement to authorized parties: Embassy verifies that the Department of State possesses no credible information of gross violations of human rights by the individuals identified above, as of this date. Post may cite this cable in response.

¶4. (U) If, in the future, post becomes aware of possible human rights violations by the individuals listed above, post should inform the Department and not proceed with training.

¶5. (U) POC for this action is Jameson DeBose:

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